

SENATE BILL 33
By Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
relative to divorce.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by
inserting the following as a new section thereto:

(a) In any action for divorce, separation, or annulment, the attorney representing
each party shall provide that party with:

(1) A statement of rights and responsibilities describing that party's
financial obligations to the attorney and his or her general rights and
responsibilities in pursuing the representation; and

(2) A good faith estimate of the charges that the party is likely to incur as
the attorney pursues the representation.

(b) Failure to provide the information required in subsection (a) may be grounds
for discipline of the attorney pursuant to title 23, chapter 3.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.